

THE
STEVEN KENT
WINERY

**2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON — FOLKENDT VINEYARD,
LIVERMORE VALLEY**

The Steven Kent Winery is Cabernet; and has been since we first harvested fruit from a 4.5-acre vineyard on Greenville Road in 1996. The Folkendt Vineyard was the first vineyard site and remained our exclusive Cabernet site through the 2000 vintage. Planted to clone 8 Cabernet in 1992 by Stefan and Elizabeth Folkendt, we had the opportunity, after many years, to see how advancing maturity had affected the quality of fruit. The results speak for themselves.

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon – Folkendt Vineyard occupies a middle ground between the expansive, fruit-driven Home Ranch and the black fruit and tight structure of Smith Ranch in its black fruited and viscous presentation. Cassis and black plum are enrobed in bittersweet chocolate in the round mid-palate, and this wine offers a gorgeously long and detailed finish of fine-grained tannins and chocolate-scented oak. All great wines have a vitality and momentum to them: this offering shows quality in the wonderful transformation of opulent richness in the mid-palate to comparatively hearty tannins on the finish. This structure not only serves to build a foundation under the abundant black fruit but also bodes well for extended aging. As with the other two Cabernets in this series, the Folkendt Vineyard would be well served by a couple of years of bottle age before drinking. It will age beautifully for 10-15 years with the proper cellaring.

As with all of our red wines, this Cabernet was bottled without filtration and fining. Only 82 cases, aged for 24 months in 100% new French oak barrels, were produced in this vintage. The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon – Folkendt Vineyard is one of three Cabernets we produced from this vintage that was deemed worthy of being accorded one of our highest designations: Single Vineyard Series. We hope you enjoy.

HISTORY

The Folkendt Vineyard was planted in 1992 to clone 8 Cabernet. Our first vintage of Cabernet from the site was the 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon, Folkendt Vineyard, Livermore Valley. Numbering 4.5 acres and planted on loamy soil at the southern end of Greenville Road, the Folkendt Vineyard remains one of our favorite sites.

VINTAGE

Harvest Date: October 3, 2009

Fruit: 100% Cabernet – clone 8. The fruit came in with brix levels of just over 25° and a complex, ripe flavor profile. Alcohol 14.6%.

Fermentation: After destemming and crushing the fruit was fermented in open-top fermentors. It went through primary fermentation and maceration in bin then malolactic fermentation was induced in barrel.

Aging: 100% new French Oak barrels were chosen for this offering.

Time in Barrel: 24 months.

Release Date: August 30, 2012

VINEYARD

Location: Folkendt Vineyard is located on Greenville Road in the Livermore Valley.

Soil: Gravelly Loam

Training: Smart-Dyson trellising method.